

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

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BY: COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR BILLING OF ALL MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL FEES IN ONE BILL; TO PROVIDE FOR SIX BILLING CYCLES PER YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has for many years billed to customers water/sewer fees for service on a bi-monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta in 1999 began billing its solid waste customers a fee for solid waste and recycling pick-up on an annual basis because Fulton County no longer agreed to collect these fees along with the property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the annual amount for solid waste fees is sometimes prohibitively high to pay in one lump sum; and

WHEREAS, a municipal bill for environmental services would make clear to our customers the difference between property tax and fees for service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta would recognize a savings for all fees to be billed together; and

WHEREAS, the customers of the City of Atlanta would benefit by being able to divide their annual fees into six payments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Department of Finance develop a fee billing format for all of the City's various environmental services.

<u>SECTION 2:</u> That the Department of Finance research the current contract with United Water, which authorizes the collection of water/sewer fees.

<u>SECTION 3:</u> That the Department of Finance develop a computerized format of all City of Atlanta customers.

<u>SECTION 4:</u> That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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